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Following text message from Adoula to President dated October 26. French original being given to Bowles in Brazzaville tonight:

Begin Text:

Mr. President:

The Republic of the Congo shares the concern of your government and the American people faced with recent developments in the Caribbean where nuclear armaments have been sent and a base for launching rockets has been set up in Cuba.

The Congolese Government, faithful to its policy of non-alignment, has already taken a position against the proliferation of nuclear arms. The attitude which it adopted at the Conference of Non-Engaged Countries meeting in Belgrade in September 1961, and the position it has taken in world organizations, particularly at the General Assembly of the UN, cannot be considered equivocating. That is why it can only condemn the increase of nuclear arms in all parts of the world and particularly in a very sensitive region where the slightest mistake could turn out to be fatal and threaten peace and international security.

The Republic of the Congo understands the position of your country in regard to furnishing nuclear arms to Cuba, all the more since we ourselves are being hurt by our proximity to Southern Rhodesia where the existence of

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bases concentrating forces which are at the disposition of the secessionists in South Katanga threatens the integrity and security of our territory.

In these conditions my government can only align itself side by side with the US when it calls for a stop to sending offensive arms to Cuba. We also appreciate the efforts which you are carrying on to bring about peaceful solution to this problem.

While we hope that your efforts will be crowned with success, our dearest wish is always that a solution will be found in which there is total denuclearization and disarmament which will make it impossible once and for all to resort to war as a means for settling inevitable differences between nations.

END TEXT

Adoula does not wish release message at this time. In giving it to me he and Bomboko stressed GOC need for "planes, planes, planes" and this prior to implementation Greene team recommendations.

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Note: Advance copy to Mr. Huffman (AF) S5/0 10-27 CWO-JSW

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